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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Printing Services Division Support to OBI

1. The Printing Services Division (PSD) supports OBI principally in the printing of the NIS and the reproduction of maps and graphics. In both instances PSD is very cooperative and attempts to provide a service commensurate with its capability.

2. We are concerned, however, with the amount of time spent on the NIS which not only appears to be too long, but is increasing. The table below showing average calendar days indicates the problem:

	General Surveys			Other NIS		
	Page Proofs	Final Printing	Total PSD	Page Proofs	Final Printing	Total PSD
FY 65	39	18	57	40	17	57
FY 66	47	23	70	37	23	60
FY 67	54	25	79	57	31	88

3. This PSD time is added to nearly as many days for OBI review and processing which, however, includes a high percentage of "dead" time while awaiting delayed submissions, contributor conferences, Embassy comments or NIS Committee review and approval. We recognize that contributor delays to the General Survey may result in an uneven flow of production which burdens PSD as it does OBI and we will continue to work on this problem. Also, Project EPIC may resolve at least some of the PSD difficulties with the NIS but there has been some delay in its implementation and significant savings of time occasioned by contributor produced manuscript on tape may be a couple of years away.

4. Regarding cartography, there is also no question that PSD is having a difficult time meeting our requests and that some jobs affecting compilation and drafting are being delayed. This problem can only become greater as the number of graphics continues to increase. "Deadlined" orders for final printing are met, with minor exceptions, by all reproduction plants. Routine printing jobs not requiring a short deadline which are sent to PSD with the understanding they will be handled on a two-week

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basis are now encountering delays of four weeks or more. Particular difficulty is experienced in the servicing of preliminary photographic requirements in support of compilation, and response to linotype and photon type orders.

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